GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated for the development of forest villages during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07, State-wise;

(b) the details of forest villages developed so far alongwith the number of forest villages proposed to be covered during the year 2006-07, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons benefited from the same;

(d) the time by which the rest of the forest villages are likely to be covered; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for the development of these villages, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a)(b)&(e): During the 10th Five Year Plan, Rs. 450.00 crore was allocated to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the development of forest villages under the Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP). As per latest information received, there are 2,474 forest villages/ habitations in the country spread over 12 States. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has approved proposals covering 2,179 forest villages in 10 States and also released Rs. 32276.46 lakh as on date. A statement showing State-wise details of forest villages for which funds have been released by the Government so far is enclosed. Under the programme, infrastructure work relating to basic services and facilities viz. approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls, etc. and activities related to livelihood are taken up for implementation.

(c) : The inhabitants of the forest villages have benefited from the programme. The total number of tribal families living in the forest villages has been estimated to be about 2.5 lakh.

(d) : The release of funds for development of forest villages is based on proposals received from the State Governments concerned. In addition to the villages for which funds have already been released, some proposals have been received from the States of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram. It is proposed to continue the programme during 2007-08 subject to availability of funds.